

REMARKS

Claims 12, 22 and 25-29 are canceled herein. Claims 1-11, 13-21 and 23-24 are pending.

102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-2, 6, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cargin, Jr. et. al. (US 6,023,147). The Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-2, 6, 10 and 11 as amended herein is not anticipated by Cargin, Jr. et. al.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended herein to recite that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to:

A personal digital assistant comprising: a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of said housing; a connector disposed within said opening, said connector coupled to said bus and for connecting with said expansion card; a cover ... said cover performs a first function of enclosing said opening, said expansion card and said connector, and wherein said cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function. (Emphasis Added)

Claims 2, 6, 10, and 11 depend from Claim 1 as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention.

On page 2 of the instant Office Action, the rejection states that Cargin teaches "an electronic device comprising: A housing having an opening...A cover for said opening, being removeably coupled to said housing, and adapted to

perform a second function...Wherein said electronic device is a wireless portable device (with antenna)" However, Applicants respectfully submit that Cargin does not show or suggest a personal digital assistant having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of the housing, a connector for connecting with an expansion card or a cover enclosing an expansion card. Cargin does not mention an expansion card. Applicants respectfully assert that there is no basis for concluding that the electronic device of Cargin, or any of the other elements of Cargin, use an expansion card opening and cover in the manner of the present invention; specifically, in a personal digital assistant as recited in independent Claim 1 as amended herein. Applicants further submit that Cargin does not show or suggest the present claimed invention as recited in Claims 2, 6, 10 and 11 that are dependent on Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1, 2, 6, 10 and 11 traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 13-14, 18, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cargin, Jr. et. al. (US 6,023,147). The Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in Claims 13 as amended herein, 14, 18, 23 and 24 is not anticipated by Cargin, Jr. et. al.

Independent Claim 13 has been amended herein to recite that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to:

A device comprising: circuitry for coupling said device to personal digital assistant; ...wherein said device is sized and shaped to serve as a cover for an expansion card port in a housing of said personal digital assistant, wherein said device

performs a first function of enclosing said opening and performs a second function synergistically with said function performed by said personal digital assistant. (Emphasis Added)

Claims 14, 18, 23 and 24 depend from Claim 13 as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention.

On page 3 of the instant Office Action, the rejection states that Cargin teaches "a device comprising: Circuitry for coupling....Wherein said device is sized and shaped to serve as a cover for an opening..." However, Applicants respectfully submit that Cargin does not show or suggest an expansion card port in a housing of a personal digital assistant as claimed. Cargin does not mention an expansion card port. Applicants respectfully assert that there is no basis for concluding that the device of Cargin, or any of the other elements of Cargin, use an expansion card port and cover in the manner of the present invention; specifically, in a device as recited in independent Claim 13 as amended herein. Applicants further submit that Cargin does not show or suggest the present claimed invention as recited in Claims 14, 18, 23 and 24 that are dependent on Claim 13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 13, 14, 18, 23 and 24 traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 12, 25 and 26 are cancelled herein. Thus, the argument that they are rejected as being anticipated by Cargin under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is moot.

103 Rejection

Claims 3 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cargin, Jr. et. al. in view of Ross, et. al. (US Patent No. 5,859,628).

Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in Claims 3 and 15 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Cargin in view of Ross, and that the present claimed invention is therefore patentable over Cargin in view of Ross.

Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b). Applicants thus respectfully re-assert that, as amended herein, Claims 1, and 13 incorporate subject matter including a personal digital assistant, a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of the housing, a connector within the opening for connecting with the expansion card and a cover that encloses the opening, the expansion card and the connector, and wherein the cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function.

Claim 3 depends upon independent Claim 1, as amended herein. Claim 15 depends upon independent Claim 13, as amended herein. These dependent claims incorporate each and every one of the elements of the corresponding independent claims on which they depend.

Ross in combination with Cargin does not show or suggest the claimed limitation of "a personal digital assistant comprising: a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card," or "...a cover ... said cover performing a

first function of enclosing said opening, said expansion card and said connector, and wherein said cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function." Rather, Ross teaches a cradle for a personal digital assistant. Specifically, Ross fails to teach or suggest an opening or an expansion card within a housing or a cover. Although Ross does teach a housing in Figure 3, the housing as taught by Ditzik never describes nor suggests a cover for an opening in the housing being pivotably coupled to a housing. Rather, in Figure 5 Ross teaches a personal digital assistant being detachably receivable by a cradle. Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as not being anticipated by Cargin. Therefore, the combination of Cargin and Ross fails to teach or suggest the claim language cited above.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Ross and Cargin does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 3 and 15.

Claims 4-5, 7, 16-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cargin, Jr. et. al. in view of Ditzik, et. al. (US Patent No. 5,983,073). Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully conclude that the present invention as recited in Claims 4-5, 7, 16-17 and 19 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Cargin in view of Ditzik, and that the present claimed invention is therefore patentable over Cargin in view of Ditzik.

Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b).

Applicants thus respectfully re-assert that, as amended herein, Claims 1, and 13 incorporate subject matter including a personal digital assistant, a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of the housing, a connector within the opening for connecting with the expansion card and a cover that encloses the opening, the expansion card and the connector, and wherein the cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function.

Claims 4-5, and 7 depend upon independent Claim 1, as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention. Claims 16-17 and 19 depend upon independent Claim 13, as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention. These dependent claims incorporate each and every one of the elements of the corresponding independent claims on which they depend.

Ditzik in combination with Cargin does not show or suggest the claimed limitation of "a personal digital assistant comprising: a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card;" or "...a cover ... said cover performing a first function of enclosing said opening, said expansion card and said connector, and wherein said cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function." Rather, Ditzik teaches a cover for a notebook computer. Specifically, Ditzik fails to teach or suggest an opening or an expansion card within a housing or a cover. Although Ditzik does teach a housing in Figures 9 and 16, the housing as taught by Ditzik never describes nor suggests a cover for an opening in the housing. Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35

U.S.C. § 102 (b) as not being anticipated by Cargin. Therefore, the combination of Cargin and Ditzik fails to teach or suggest the claim language cited above.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Cargin and Ditzik does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 4-5, 7, 16-17 and 19.

Claims 8-9, and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cargin, Jr. et. al. in view of Ikenouchi, et. al. (US Patent No. 5,835,863). Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully conclude that the present invention as recited in Claims 8-9, and 20-21 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Cargin in view of Ikenouchi, and that the present claimed invention is therefore patentable over Cargin in view of Ikenouchi.

Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b). Applicants thus respectfully re-assert that, as amended herein, Claims 1, and 13 incorporate subject matter including a personal digital assistant, a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of the housing, a connector within the opening for connecting with the expansion card and a cover that encloses the opening, the expansion card and the connector, and wherein the cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function.

Claims 8 and 9 depend upon independent Claim 1, as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention. Claims 20 and 21 depend upon independent Claim 13, as amended herein and recite additional features of the present claimed invention. These dependent claims incorporate each and every one of the elements of the corresponding independent claims on which they depend.

Ikenouchi in combination with Cargin does not show or suggest the claimed limitation of "a personal digital assistant comprising: a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card;" or "...a cover ... said cover performing a first function of enclosing said opening, said expansion card and said connector, and wherein said cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function." Rather, Ikenouchi teaches a wireless telephone that illuminates and vibrates. Specifically, Ikenouchi fails to teach or suggest a housing, an opening, a cover or an expansion card within a housing. Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as not being anticipated by Cargin. Therefore, the combination of Cargin and Ikenouchi fails to teach or suggest the claim language cited above.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Cargin and Ikenouchi does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 8-9 and 20-21.

Claim 22 is cancelled herein. Thus, the argument that it is obvious in view of Luen is moot. Likewise, Claims 27-29 are cancelled herein. Thus, the

argument that they are obvious in view of Adkinson under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) is moot.

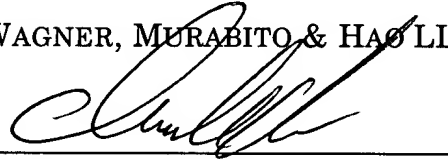
CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully asserted that Claims 1-11, 13-21 and 23-24 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, allowance of these Claims is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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